

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 30 – 58 and 60 – 63 are pending in the application. By this examiner's amendment, claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 60-63 are cancelled and claims 30, 33, 38, 41, 46, 49 and 52-58 are allowed.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

2. During a telephone interview with Mr. Tushar Parlikar on July 2, 2008, examiner indicated that dependent claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 60-63 are redundant in scope with their respective independent claims. Therefore, claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 60-63 fail to further limit their respective independent claims. Mr. Parlikar authorized examiner to cancel claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 60-63 in an examiner's amendment.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Tushar Parlikar (Registration No. 61,715) on July 2, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Cancel claims 31, 32, 34-37, 39, 40, 42-45, 47, 48, 50, 51 and 60-63.

CONTACT INFORMATION

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Li B. Zhen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3768. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571)272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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